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PANAMA.

Reports from Colon—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—New passenger service to New York via Kingston.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, September 11 and 18, as follows:

During the week ended September 9, 1905, the following vessels cleared for ports in the United States and were granted bills of health:

Norwegian steamship *Gere*, for New York via Haiti, September 4, with 28 crew and no passengers.

American steamship *Mexico*, for New York, September 5, with 103 crew and 125 passengers.

British steamship *Nicaraguan*, for New Orleans via Mexican ports, September 1, with 46 crew and 8 passengers.

British steamship *Somerford*, for a port in the United States via Cardenas, Cuba, September 9, with 22 crew and no passengers. Fumigated.

A new passenger service between this port and New York will be inaugurated during the coming month by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company. The itinerary will include Kingston, Jamaica, on the voyage to and from New York. The vessels of this line carry a large crew and a large number of passengers.

During the week ended September 16, 1905, the following vessels cleared for ports in the United States and were granted bills of health:

American steamship *Allianca*, for New York, September 11, with 68 crew and 79 passengers.

Spanish steamship *Buenos Aires*, for Ponce via South American ports, September 12, with 120 crew and 83 passengers.

British steamship *Musician*, for New Orleans, September 16, via Belize and Mexican ports, with 64 crew and 2 passengers.

Yellow fever cases and deaths in Panama—Mortality from malarial fever in Colon—Second disinfection of wharf at La Boca.

During the week ended September 9, 1905, 4 new cases of yellow fever were reported in the city of Panama, 3 of which were fatal. No cases have occurred in Colon or Cristobal since August 26, and there have been no suspicious cases observed in the hospital since that date.

Malarial fever of a rather severe type is prevalent in all parts of the town, and is the cause of a large proportion of the deaths among the negro population. This has been confirmed by a number of necropsies made at the Colon Hospital.

The settlement and wharf at La Boca have been subjected to a second cleaning up and disinfection, and after a rigid daily inspection of the residents no cases of a suspicious nature have been found. No dead rats have been found, and of the several hundred caught and examined not one was found to be infected with plague.

Detention camp for nonimmune laborers to be established.

During the week ended September 16, 1905, 2 cases of yellow fever were reported in the city of Panama, 1 of which was fatal. Both cases occurred among recently arrived Italians. No cases have occurred in Colon since the last case reported on August 26.

The health of the nonimmune employees of the Canal Commission residing at Cristobal is at present exceptionally good, no cases of yellow fever having occurred among them during the past month, and the number of cases of malaria having greatly diminished. This is undoubtedly due to the improved sanitary conditions, mosquito work, and screening of the living quarters. Strong westerly winds have also contributed to keeping the town comparatively free from the swarms of mosquitoes from the surrounding swamps.

A general feeling of encouragement prevails, but the efforts and vigilance of the sanitary department is in no wise being relaxed.

It is proposed by the sanitary department to keep the large numbers of nonimmunes arriving on the Isthmus out of the sphere of infection as far as possible. A camp in the Zone along the line of the railroad is to be established, to which the new arrivals are to be taken and where they will be held until they can be distributed to points in the Zone outside the cities of Colon and Panama. This is considered especially advisable in the case of the Colombian laborers, many of whom come from the mountainous interior.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Yellow fever cases removed from steamship Preston.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended September 9, 1905: Present officially estimated population not obtainable; 2 deaths; 5 cases of yellow fever; prevailing diseases, malarial fever and yellow fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, infected. Only 2 cases of yellow fever have originated in this port this season. The second case was screened August 15, 1905. The 5 cases of yellow fever were removed from Norwegian steamship *Preston* and are screened in the United Fruit Company's hospital. The *Preston* cleared from Port Eads for this port September 1, 1905.

Bills of health were issued to the following named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
Sept. 2	Katie	Mobile	23	0	0	0
6	Taunton	do	26	0	0	0
7	Fort Gaines	do	20	0	0	0

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Reports from Callao—Status of plague—Smallpox on steamship Colombia and at Antofagasta.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, August 17 and September 3, as follows:

Plague, August 1 to 10, inclusive.

	New cases.	Deaths.	Cured.	Remain- ing.
Lima	2	0	1	3
Callao	1	1	0	1
Payta	10	7	1	5
Total	13	8	2	9